

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, December 30, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Paul Boothroyd, Ellen Duggan, Priscilla Sandberg, Lee Caras, and Paul Lesage.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Courville, Ann Gibson, Brion Berghaus.

GUESTS: Annette and Ardo Garabedian.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

38 Great Road Barn: Jack stated that the sole purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and vote on the potential removal of this barn from the Historically Significant Properties List (HSP).

The need for discussion was triggered by the application filed by the homeowners with the Building Commissioner, Rick Asmann, requesting permission to demolish the barn, a building subject to Section 3.C., of the Town By-law for the Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings.

Mr. Garabedian said that, due to the deteriorated state of the barn, he was afraid to enter it. His plan was to demolish it and build a new barn of similar style and appearance on a new foundation.

Jack said that the Commission could either declare that the existing barn be preferably preserved, or it could conclude that it is no longer historically significant. If the latter, demolition could proceed and the property would immediately be removed from the HSP list. Following discussion, Jack made a motion that the barn at 38 Great Road be removed immediately from the HSP list. Ellen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. Jack said that he would notify Rick Asmann of the Commission's unanimous decision.

Mr. and Mrs. Garabedian gave the Commission a lot of information about the current state of the 38 Great Road house and their plans for renovating it. They asked if the Commission might impose any restrictions on what they were allowed to do. Jack said there were no restrictions based on its HSP designation or otherwise, but that it would be of great historical interest if they made a visual record of the before and after appearance of the building for the Historical Society archives.

OTHER:

Jack reminded members in the HSP working group that they should schedule a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

